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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1956 -

Males - 353,082

Females - 331,753

Persons - 684,835

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1956 -

Persons - 372,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	MARCH		Three Months ended MARCH	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Marriages - Number	433	407	1,349	1,372
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	7.40	7.14	7.85	8.16
Births - Number	1,419	1,455	4,306	4,239
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	24.25	25.52	25.07	25.22
Deaths - Number	381	378	1,172	1,316
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.51	6.63	6.82	7.83
Infant - Number	27	30	79	98
Mortality * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	19.03	20.62	18.35	23.12
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	1	1	3	6
Malignant neoplasms	67	62	216	212
Diabetes mellitus	3	3	15	21
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	4	2
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	32	50	127	175
Diseases of the heart	117	100	337	350
Hypertension with heart disease	15	9	37	35
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	6	5	13	16
Arteriosclerosis	10	7	28	32
Influenza	-	-	1	1
Pneumonia	12	14	35	48
Bronchitis	1	4	7	10
Other respiratory disease	2	4	13	9
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	9	4
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	1	5	5
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	1	1
Cirrhosis of the liver	4	3	6	8
Nephritis and nephrosis	7	6	18	19
Disease of the prostate	5	8	10	18
Maternal causes	-	2	2	4
Disease of early infancy	18	17	51	51
Motor vehicle accidents	11	18	34	56
Other Accidents	15	19	47	63
Suicide	8	9	20	31
All other causes	45	35	133	139
Total:	381	378	1,172	1,316

* Equivalent Annual Rate

* Deaths under one year

This report, given particularly relative to the following items:

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LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April, 1957, totalled 246,122 acres, a decrease of 47,591 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,446,123 acres, a decrease of 687,135.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,083,315	4,535,560	42,855,324	49,292,052
Revenue per Head of Population	7. 7. 3	6. 14. 6	62. 13. 1	73. 18. 7
Expenditure	4,520,793	4,217,852	46,494,211	49,745,925
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 10. 11	6. 5. 1	67. 19. 6	74. 12. 3

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of April, 1957, amounted to £61,012,184 or £88-5-11 per head of population as against £55,838,863 or £82-14-8 per head at the end of April, 1956.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 24th April, 1957, amounted to £14,432,720 compared with £14,747,335 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
Transfers	No.	1,436	1,315	14,414	15,496
	£.	2,499,729	2,024,625	22,169,766	23,044,414
Mortgages	No.	1,152	855	10,745	10,398
	£.	2,049,861	1,563,827	19,285,588	20,701,411
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	848	730	8,418	7,856

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
April, 1957	3,064,588	1,888,943	10,961,229	460,412
April, 1956	3,445,365	1,991,526	8,377,663	387,821
Ten months ended April, 1957	34,187,304	21,190,775	102,842,420	5,107,813
Ten months ended April, 1956	38,282,288	23,309,879	93,710,742	4,577,397

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
Metropolitan Area	3050	2937	3033	2898	2714	2605	2683	2577
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3251	3080	3212	3074	2624	2515	2591	2508
Northam	3145	2932	3100	2936	2652	2521	2617	2518
Bunbury	3134	2980	3102	2986	2731	2588	2697	2586
Geraldton	3201	2989	3163	2988	2884	2763	2855	2732
Collie	3144	3005	3122	2999	2479	2390	2456	2381

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

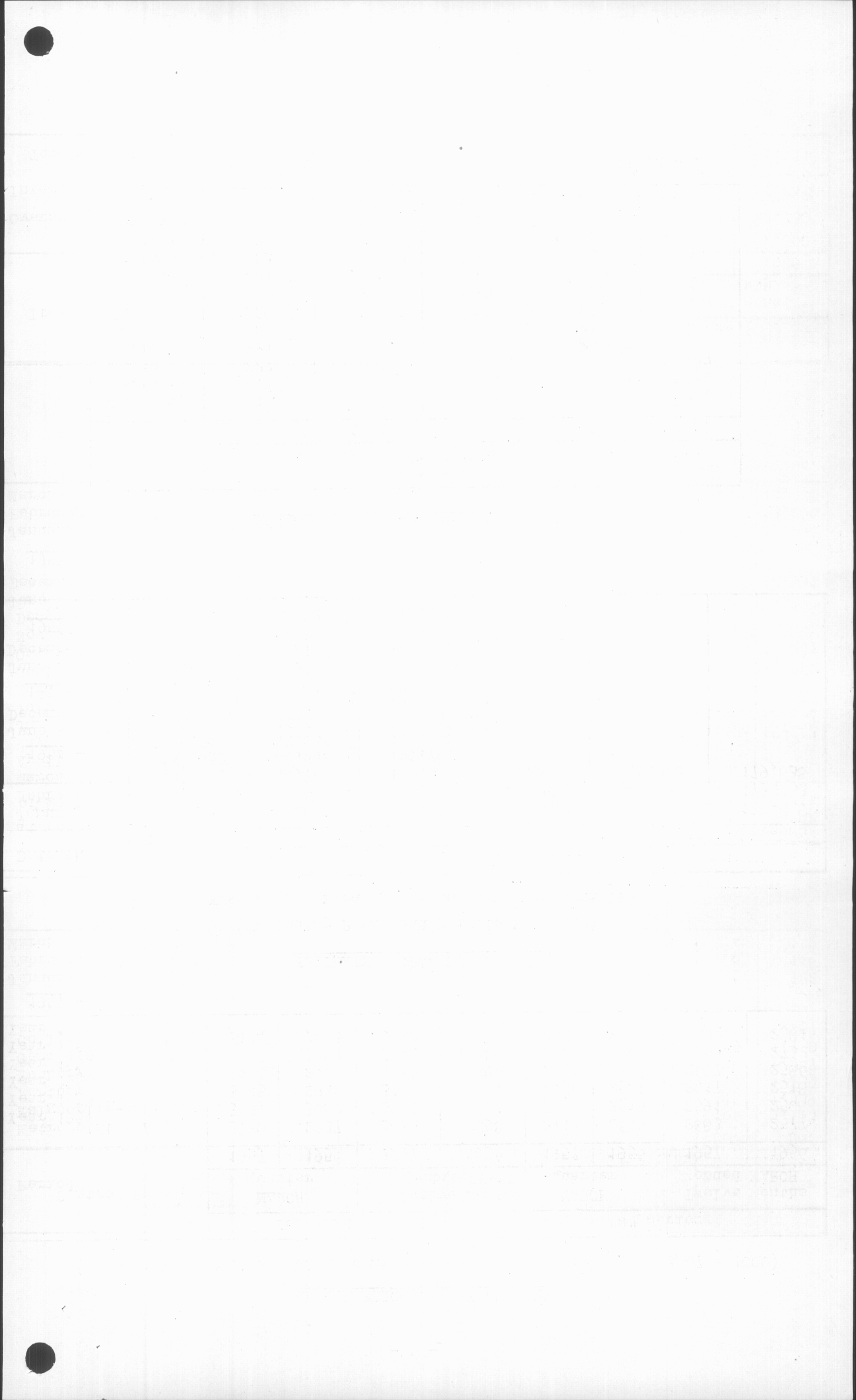
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Month	1956			1957		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	136,330	43,687	180,017	134,232	43,806	178,038
February	137,946	44,627	182,573	134,594	44,839	179,433
March	137,563	44,762	182,325	134,816	45,022	179,838
April	136,859	44,848	181,707			
May	136,208	45,034	181,242			
June	135,482	44,565	180,047			
July	134,639	44,545	179,184			
August	134,685	44,019	178,704			
September	134,431	44,167	178,598			
October	134,494	44,189	178,683			
November	134,756	44,368	179,124			
December	134,699	44,623	179,322			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	213	226	237	241	234
February	217	228	240	242	234
March	220	231	242	238	235
April	221	230	243	238	
May	222	231	242	237	
June	220	230	239	235	
July	221	230	237	233	
August	221	230	238	232	
September	223	232	240	233	
October	224	233	240	234	
November	227	234	242	234	
December	227	233	242	235	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
Year 1956	5,219	1,856	24	724	9,067	4,582	85	1,057
1957 -								
January	376	99	-	82	684	250	5	122
February	471	114	-	83	769	261	8	116
March	419	168	2	78	690	418	4	112

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1954 -								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
1955 -								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
1956 -								
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551
1957 -								
January	64,665	24,724	569	9,162	100,818	62,770	1,109	12,990
February	64,766	24,703	569	9,114	101,940	63,853	1,204	13,266
March	64,839	24,656	571	9,070	102,628	64,485	1,212	13,378

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
	3,442	3,343	30,150	31,946	11,131	8,637	94,215	54,730
Interstate	9,170	6,681	68,743	61,532	3,182	3,039	29,418	27,241
Total:	12,612	10,024	98,893	96,478	14,313	11,676	123,633	81,971

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BUILDING ACTIVITY
(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,800
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
Year 1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1956 -										
March Qr.	544	1,678	1,276	3,549	28	349	232	1,998	2,080	7,574
June Qr.	543	1,644	1,458	3,930	25	210	226	1,724	2,252	7,508
Sept. Qr.	354	1,041	1,091	3,122	23	177	249	2,145	1,717	6,485
Dec. Qr.	480	1,345	948	2,907	21	210	216	1,492	1,665	5,954

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
Year 1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1956 -										
March Qr.	737	2,657	32	91	915	2,156	-	-	1,684	4,904
June Qr.	797	2,781	16	53	972	2,280	1	2	1,786	5,116
Sept. Qr.	693	2,393	6	19	580	1,342	2	2	1,281	3,756
Dec. Qr.	790	2,660	8	12	497	1,086	1	5	1,296	3,763

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	APRIL		Four Months ended APRIL	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	66,436	60,416	305,229	288,386
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,038,061	943,985	4,769,202	4,506,002
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	-	15,000	464,062	236,875

* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
Metropolitan Area	3050	2937	3033	2898	2714	2605	2683	2577
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3251	3080	3212	3074	2624	2515	2591	2508
Northam	3145	2932	3108	2936	2652	2521	2617	2518
Bunbury	3134	2980	3102	2986	2731	2588	2697	2586
Geraldton	3201	2989	3163	2988	2884	2763	2855	2732
Collie	3144	3005	3122	2999	2479	2390	2456	2381

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1956			1957		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	136,330	43,687	180,017	134,232	43,806	178,038
February	137,946	44,627	182,573	134,594	44,839	179,433
March	137,563	44,762	182,325	134,816	45,022	179,838
April	136,859	44,848	181,707			
May	136,208	45,034	181,242			
June	135,482	44,565	180,047			
July	134,639	44,545	179,184			
August	134,685	44,019	178,704			
September	134,431	44,167	178,598			
October	134,494	44,189	178,683			
November	134,756	44,368	179,124			
December	134,699	44,623	179,322			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)				
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	213	226	237	241	234
February	217	228	240	242	234
March	220	231	242	238	235
April	221	230	243	238	
May	222	231	242	237	
June	220	230	239	235	
July	221	230	237	233	
August	221	230	238	232	
September	223	232	240	233	
October	224	233	240	234	
November	227	234	242	234	
December	227	233	242	235	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	43,663	41,007	450,053	426,229
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	39,686	37,010	408,982	383,492

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

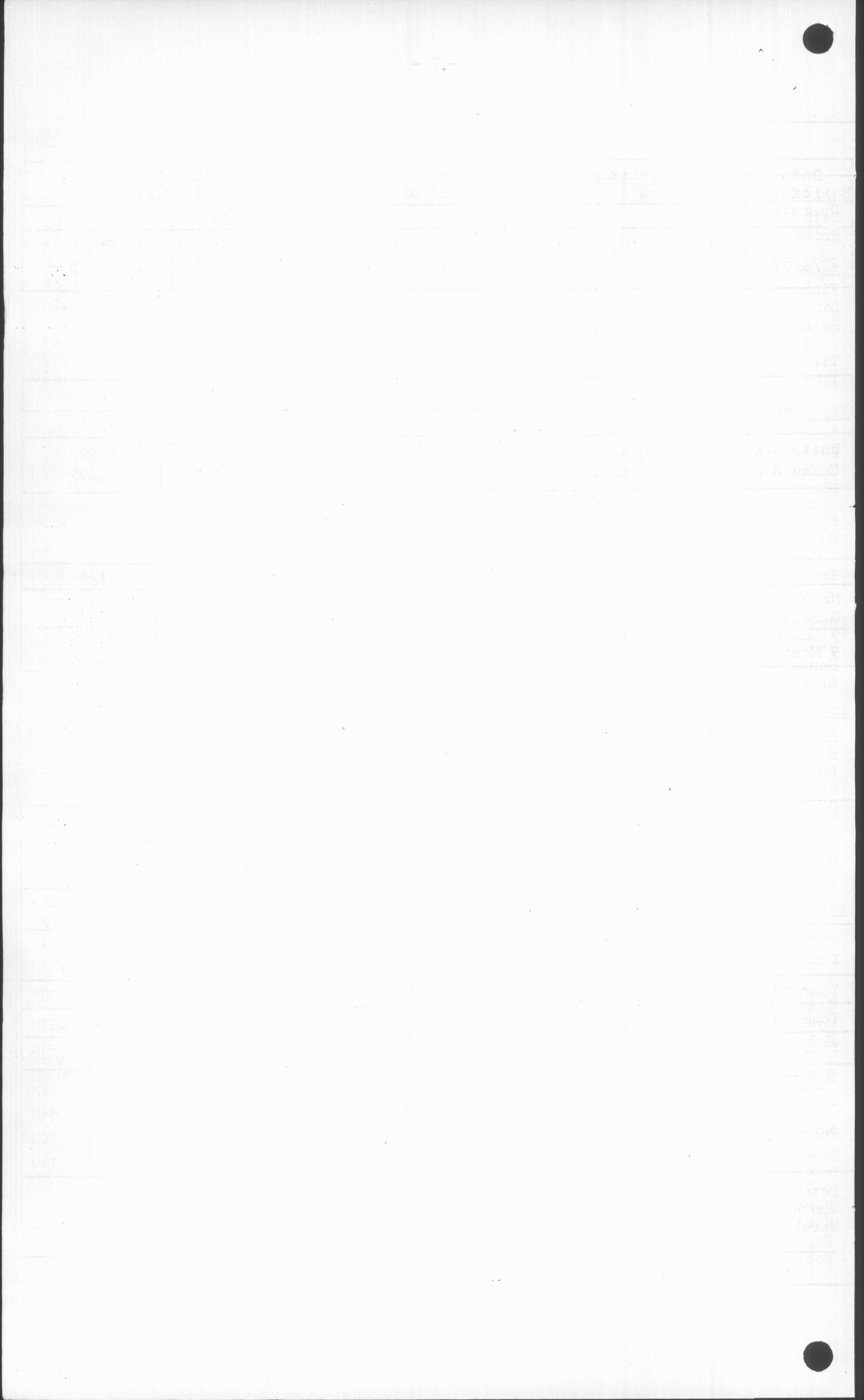
Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
March, 1957	9,406	412	116,596	11,172
March, 1956	9,452	224	72,157	9,784
9 Months ended March, 1957	91,955	3,552	1,098,855	107,155
9 Months ended March, 1956	92,944	3,048	1,050,981	115,244

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
<u>1957 -</u>										
January *	405	185	169	94	574	279	3	7	228	118
February *	408	144	183	76	591	220	5	3	220	104
March	520	182	192	84	712	266	8	7	219	118
Total 3 Months ended March	1,333	511	544	254	1,877	765	16	17	667	340

* Revised.



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	403	579	4,436	5,872
Bricks - Cement	'000	190	155	1,547	2,774
- Clay	'000	7,836	6,998	74,447	80,258
Enamels	gal.	4,118	4,983	52,590	62,774
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	136	124	1,147	1,681
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,437	2,120	19,821	21,262
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	21,470	19,386	192,259	171,411
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	620	433	4,523	6,789
Timber Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)16,841	(a)18,178	(b)159,772	(b)169,824
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	1,080	1,019	8,340	8,467
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	813	316	5,073	4,423
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,122	1,875	39,935	35,960
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	417	457	4,411	5,456
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	64	138	1,379	1,967
- 2 piece	no.	1,330	1,222	15,659	17,229
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	4,281	4,839	49,657	40,523
- Work	no.	9,389	15,771	120,199	97,757
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes(all types)	pair	34,881	35,362	303,324	292,825
Sandals	pair	1,316	1,048	155,191	138,873
Slippers	pair	32,001	40,127	322,449	337,030
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Ale, Beer and Stout	'000 gal.	1,212	1,286	13,989	15,456
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	544	542	6,038	6,318
Butter	'000 lb.	272	284	14,593	14,567
Cheese	'000 lb.	56	117	2,408	1,653
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	308	261	3,431	3,040
Jams	'000 lb.	39	50	464	597
Margarine	'000 lb.	127	108	1,225	987
Sauce - Tomato	Imp. pint	53,462	35,322	562,653	634,713
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	323	316	5,316	5,144
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	103	116	1,136	1,216
- Nitric	cwt.	48	26	524	268
- Sulphuric	ton	16,814	15,309	147,352	151,373
Coal	ton	61,649	68,175	680,347	719,205
Cycles, Pedal	no.	466	507	5,658	6,044
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	121	119	1,204	1,207
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,147	1,864	19,817	18,912
- Woven Wire	no.	807	3,761	24,079	26,075
- Soft Filled	no.	3,219	2,967	31,153	34,086
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	43	44	394	604
Utilities (all types)	no.	2	1	16	157
Trailers (all types)	no.	13	11	115	166
Perambulators	no.	42	27	447	556
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	6,012	6,913	66,484	65,575
Superphosphate	ton	(a)45,700	(a)42,546	(b)353,877	(b)371,242
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	1,720	2,055	20,086	16,430

(a) March figures. April not available.

(b) Nine months ended March.

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1955-56, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine Spirits	Clothing, Drapery Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total, Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1955-56	26.4	9.9	18.4	15.4	26.5	11.2	7.8	6.1	29.0	151.7	56.0
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.0
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.5	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.7	2.6	2.0	1.4	6.7	36.6	14.3
June Qtr.											
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	11.7
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.8	2.6	4.4	3.5	7.2	2.8	1.5	1.4	7.0	37.2	12.3
Sept. Qtr.											
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.4	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	6.9	36.3	13.7
1956	6.8	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	11.8
Dec. Qtr.											
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.7	2.4	4.7	4.2	7.9	3.1	2.5	1.7	8.4	41.6	15.7
1956	7.1	2.7	4.8	4.4	8.0	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.0	41.9	13.2

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth Moving Equipment, etc.

